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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Todd A. Dunning et al.

Application No.: 09/767,646

Group No.: 3625

Filed: January 22, 2001

Examiner: SMITH, Jeffrey

For: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR REGISTERING AN  
UNREGISTERED VENDOR/PRODUCT IN A BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS NETWORK-BASED FRAMEWORK

Commissioner for Patents

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## REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY (37 C.F.R. § 10.40(c))

## REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW

1. I, an agent signing below, respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this case, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.36.

## LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF CLIENT

2. The last known mailing address of the assignee of the entire interest is:

BUYLINK CORPORATION

15 High Bluff

Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Attn: Brian Dunning

## CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10\*

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**BASIS FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST**

3. The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 C.F.R. 10.40(c) § (1).

Explanation (including brief description of exhibits, if any):

The client has failed to provide the required retainer to prepare a response to office action. See, for example, Exhibit A which includes a letter to the client dated October 7, 2003 requesting the retainer.

**ALLOWANCE OF TIME FOR CLIENT TO ACT**

4. Status of this Application

A. Response due

(i) There is an outstanding term for response that is set to expire on May 17, 2004. The above term is extendible under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), until September 17, 2004 and the fees for such extension are not being submitted herewith.

B. Time Left for Response

Therefore, the amount of time for response, including extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), is at least 5 months.

**NOTIFICATION OF CLIENT**

5. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including attachments, is being sent to the client.

A copy of the letter to the client is attached.

**NUMBER OF COPIES OF REQUEST**

6. This request is enclosed in triplicate.
7. Related Applications for Which Withdrawal is Requested
- None.

**SIGNATURE OF WITHDRAWING PRACTITIONER**

8. Signature(s) of the agent(s) withdrawing (or signature of an authorized attorney on behalf of an agent withdrawing)

Signature of withdrawing practitioner

Kevin J. Zilka  
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Signature of Practitioner

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**COPY**

April 15, 2004

Brian Dunning  
BuyLink Corporation  
15 High Bluff  
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Re: Withdrawal of Power of Attorney

Dear Brian:

Per our recent correspondence of 10/07/03, we have filed a Request for Withdrawal of Power of Attorney paperwork with the Patent and Trademark Office for the following application:

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Submitted 4/15/2004

A copy of such paperwork is enclosed for your records.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,  
Silicon Valley IP Group, PC

Kevin J. Zilka

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Enclosures

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October 7, 2003

EXHIBIT A

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Brian Dunning  
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Via Federal Express

Re: Patent Application Entitled: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM  
PRODUCT FOR A REBATE FEATURE IN A BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS NETWORK-  
BASED FRAMEWORK  
Inventors: T. Dunning et al.  
Application No.: 09/639,388  
Filing Date: August 15, 2000  
Our Reference: BUY1P001

Dear Brian:

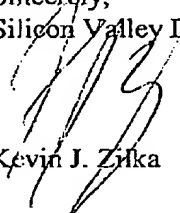
This message is a follow-up to our previous discussions with Buy Link regarding its  
bankruptcy proceeding some time ago.

We are enclosing for your records a copy of an Office Action we received from the U.S.  
Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) for the above-referenced patent application. A response to this  
Office Action is due on or before December 29, 2003. In order to prepare a response we require a  
\$1,500.00 retainer by November 29, 2003. In the event we do not receive a retainer, we will  
assume that you do not wish to respond to the Office Action and understand that the application will  
go abandoned.

We will further be withdrawing our power of attorney from all of your files, if we do not  
hear from you by the above deadline.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to  
contact us.

Sincerely,  
Silicon Valley IP Group, PC

  
Kevin J. Zilka

/Elf  
Enclosure

BUYIP001

**Erica Farlow**

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## Message:

Please deliver to Examiner Smith.

Thank you,

Kevin J. Zilka

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AT (408) 971-2573 AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE

April 15, 2004